

**[0018]** FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the drop-down magnet closure open on both sides with one breast exposed for access in a tank top with the closure located just over the shoulder.

**[0019]** FIG. 6 is a front perspective view of the drop-down magnet closure closed in a tank top with the closure located just over the shoulder.

**[0020]** FIG. 7 is a back perspective view of the drop-down magnet closure closed in a tank top with the closure located just over the shoulder.

**[0021]** FIG. 8 is a perspective view of the drop-down magnet closure open with the breast exposed in an “A-line” dress with the closure located over the shoulder

**[0022]** FIG. 9 is a front perspective view of the drop-down magnet closure closed in an “A-line” dress with the closure located over the shoulder.

**[0023]** FIG. 10 is a back perspective view of the drop-down magnet closure closed in an “A-line” dress with the closure located over the shoulder.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

**[0024]** The present invention relates to a nursing garment closure as shown in the maxi dress illustrated in FIG. 1. The magnetic closure (1) is comprised of two parts, the positive side (4) and the negative side (5) and is sewn into a pocket at the seam (12). The magnetic clasp (1) when unclashed allows the front panel of the garment to be dropped down (6) to allow the breast (17) to be accessed for breastfeeding. The dress (19) stays on the wearer when the front panel is lowered because the modesty panel (9) attached to the shoulder strap (10) as well as the side seam (14). The neckline of the modesty panel (23) is slightly lower than the neckline of the front panel (15) to allow the modesty panel to remain unseen when the front panel of the garment is attached as depicted in FIG. 2 (16). The hidden modesty panel (7) ends right at or just above the under bust seam (18). From the back as shown in FIG. 3, looks much as any normal maxi dress would, as is the goal of the magnetic clasp.

**[0025]** In some instances the magnetic closure is located at or over the shoulder, as shown in FIG. 4. The magnetic closure (1) is comprised of two parts, the positive side (4) and the negative side (5). The magnetic clasp (1) when unclashed allows the front panel of the garment to be dropped down on one side (8) to allow the breast (17) to be accessed for breastfeeding. The image would be mirrored with the opposite side dropped down. The magnets may be placed with the positive sides on the drop down straps (4) and the negative side (5) over the shoulder as shown in FIG. 4, or in reversing polarity as depicted in FIG. 5. The shirt (20) stays on the wearer when the front panel is lowered on one side or on both as depicted in FIG. 5 because the modesty panel (9) attached to the shoulder strap (10) as well as the side seam (14). The modesty panel (9) extends from the lowered neckline (23), to just below the bust. The neckline of the modesty panel (23) is slightly lower than the neckline of the front panel (15) to allow the modesty panel to remain unseen when the front panel of the garment is attached as depicted in FIG. 6 (16). From the back as shown in FIG. 7, the garment looks much as any normal tank would, as is the goal of the magnetic clasp. and is sewn into a pocket at the seam (12)

**[0026]** FIG. 8 illustrates the magnetic drop down panel (6) in a A line dress (19). The magnets are still sewn in a panel

(12) and are located just over the shoulder in this illustration. The inner modesty panel in this garment is fixed (22) with cutouts for the breasts to be accessed (17). The fixed panel is stitched to the lower part of the dress at the seam under the bust (18). The neckline of the fixed modesty panel (23) is still lower than the neckline (15) of the outer front drop down panel of the garment (6) as it is in the other garments. The fixed modesty panel has a strap (10) that is thinner than the front panel strap so that it cannot be seen when the panel is up as illustrated in FIG. 9. Both the inner fixed modesty panel and the outer drop down front panel are attached at the side seam (14). The back zipper (13) can be seen in FIG. 10, which also shows the location of the over the shoulder magnet location with the panel closed (16).

What is claimed is:

1. A nursing garment to be worn by a woman for breast-feeding her baby, comprising of two magnets sewn horizontally into a hidden fold over pocket at or near the seam. These two magnets are placed next to each other horizontally with the – side located in the pocket that is located just over the shoulder on the garment. There are two + polarity magnets sewn into the front panel of the garment into a hidden pocket at the shoulder seam. These magnets fasten together to keep the garment closed. This magnetic fastener allows the wearer of the garment to drop the front bodice of the dress down and expose her breast. The dress is able to stay on the wearer due to the inner panel that is sewn to the side seam under the arm hole.

2. An article of breastfeeding clothing according to claim 1 wherein said inner panel is fixed to said outer garment at the seam just under the bust, such as in an “a line” garment.

3. An article of breastfeeding clothing according to claim 1 wherein said magnetic clasps are stacked vertically.

4. An article of breastfeeding clothing according to claim 1 wherein said magnetic clasp is a single bar.

5. An article of breastfeeding clothing according to claim 1 wherein said magnetic clasps are rectangular.

6. An article of breastfeeding clothing according to claim 1 wherein only one magnetic clasp is used.

7. An article of breastfeeding clothing according to claim 1 wherein magnets are sewn in alternating polarity.

8. An article of breastfeeding clothing according to claim 1 wherein said magnetic clasps attach at the shoulder.

9. An article of breastfeeding clothing according to claim 1 wherein said magnetic clasps attach between the breasts and the collarbone.

10. An article of breastfeeding clothing according to claim 1 wherein said magnetic clasps attach at the collarbone.

11. An article of breastfeeding clothing according to claim 1 wherein said inner panel is a thin piece of fabric that attaches the strap to an inseam under the wearers arm, as many nursing bras currently do.

12. An article of breastfeeding clothing according to claim 1 wherein said magnetic closures are used in a different article of clothing, such as a shirt, romper, jumpsuit, swimsuit, sleepwear, etc to make the clothing article functional for a breastfeeding mother.

13. An article of breastfeeding clothing according to claim 1 wherein said magnetic closures are attached to straps of varying thickness.

14. An article of breastfeeding clothing according to claim 1 wherein said garment is made of different fabric types such as spandex, modal, lycra, cotton, poly blend, silk, chiffon, linen, viscose etc.